MR. SPEAKER:—All these matters were considered there. The insinuation made by the Hon. Member is not correct.

SRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA:—I rise to a Point of order. Unless the Report of Business Advisory Committee is accepted by the House. We are not bound by it and the decision is not binding on us. It would not be proper to push the item of business.

MR. SPEKER:—There is no Point of order On the decision of the Business Advisory Committee, I, as Speaker, have a right to take a decision, and accordingly I have allowed the item te be taken up.

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MR. SPEAKER:—I Shall expiarn it later.

SRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA:—Are we to take it that the Chair is very eager to take up only Government business, Sir?

MR. SPEAKER:—Let the Hon. Minister move the Bill.

MYSORE ELECTRICITY (TAXATION ON CONSUMPTION) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1970

Motion To Consider.

SRI K. PUTTASWAMY (Minister for Law, Labour and Parliamentary Affairs): Sir, I, move:—

> " That the Mysore Electricity(Taxation on Consumption)(Amendment) Bill, 1970 be taken....."

SRI H. N NANJE GOWDA:—Sir, I rise to a Point of Order This Bill was introduced Just yesterday and we got copies of the Bill only yesterday. I wish to draw your kind attention to proviso to Rule 73 which says:—

> " Provided that no such motion shall be made until after copies of the Bill have been made available for the use of members, and that except in cases of Appropriation Bills, any member may object to any such motion being made unless copies of the Bill have been so made available for seven days, before the day on which the motion is made....."

Therefore, if the Bill is taken up, it will be a breach of the rules. The Bill may be taken up after seven days.

MR. SPEAKER:—I have heard the objection. The Bill contains only two or three clauses, and it is not difficult for the Hon. Members to understand it. In the Proviso to Rule 73, discretion vests with the Speaker to waive the period of 7 days The Principle of 7 days is it enable members to have enough time study the Bill The present Bill is a very small one and it does not require much preparation. It so in my discretion to waive the period of 7 days and I have done it.

SRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA:—I am sorry, Sir. Today, when Sri Bangarappa moved his motion, you were not prepared to suspend the rule and allow discussion on the Shimoga issue. Am I to take it that the Chair is siding the Government.

MR. SPEAKER:—I am impartial. The Hon. Member cannot question my ruling.

† SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA:—Sir, I rise to a Point of Order My Point of Order is simple and fundamantal. As you know, this Amending Bill that has been brought before this House is a taxation measure. Though it appears to be a small one, I know in the case of consumers it comes to the tune of some Crores of rupees. Very cleverly I think I don't say negligently...they have not said what will be the extra amount that comes to the Treasury if we agree to this. Section 61 of the Electricity Supply Act, 1948 reads as follows:—

"(1) In February of each year the Board shall submit to the State Government a statement in the prescribed form of the estimated capital and revenue receipts and expenditure for the ensuing year.

(2) The said statement shall include a statement of the salaries of members, officers and servants of the Board and of such other members as may be prescribed.

(3) The State Government shall as soon as may be after the receipt of the said statement cause it to be laid on the Table of the House or as the case may be Houses of the State Legislature and the said statement shall be open to discussion thereon, but shall not be subject to vote.

(4) The Board shall take into consideration any comments made on the said statement in the State Legislature."

My point of order is that the Board should have given the Annual Financial Statement to the Government in February this year and the Government could have placed that Statement on the Table of this House. This is a very vital document to know the receipts and expenditure position of the Electricity Board during the year and also to know the reasons with which they want to increase the taxes and receive extra amount etc. But that has not been done. I want to

know whether the Annual Financial Statement was laid on the Table of this House and if they were not laid, they cannot bring the present bill before this House.

Sri K. Puttaswamy.—Sir, as required by the Electricity Act the Electricity Board has sent the Annual financial statement to the Government in time. Government will supply copies to the Hon. Members tomorrow.

Regarding the point Hon. Member Sri Siddaveerappa raised it has absolutely no relevance to the Bill that is now being sought to be moved. The Bill relates to taxation and the receipt out of this will go to the Government and not to the Board.

Mr. Speaker.—The Hon. Member Sri Siddaveerappa raised certain points. Of course he is entitled to have the information with regard to the present position of receipts and expenditure and also thr poistion aftes this taxation measure is passed. The Hon. Member may raise those points during the course of discussion and the Government will reply to them.

Further, the copies of the annual financial statement has just now been received and they will be distributed to the Members.

In view of the position I have explained, I hold there is no point of ordered.

Sri H. Siddaveerappa.—May I suggest one thing? Let the copies be given to us today and this Bill may be taken up tomorrow for consideration. This Bill may appear to be a very small measure printed in one page but it will have lot of difficulties for the consumers since the cosumers have already been taxed to the teeth.

Mr. Speaker.—In the Business Advisory Committee meeting, all the Leaderr of parties unanimcusly decided to take up this Bill today.

Sri H. N. Nanje Gowda.—Sir, I want to know whether the Governor has given his recommendation since this is a Money Bill?

Mr. Speaker.—Yes. I have received of communication to that. (*Papers laid on the Table*).

Sri K. Puttaswamy.—Sir, I beg to lay on the Table of the House,

"The Annual Financial Statement of the Mysore State Electricity Board for the year 1969-70."

Mr Speaker.—Statement is laid on the Table. The Hon. Minister may move the motion for consideration of the Electricity Bill.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Sir, I have already moved. When I was moving the motion, the Hon. Member Sri Nanjegowda raised a point of order.

MR. SPEAKER.—Anyway, you may move it again.

Sri N. CHIKKE GOWDA.—Sir, just now the Hon. Minister laid the Annual Financial Statement on the Table of the House. But we have not yet received copies of the same.

MR. SPEAKER.—The Hon. Minister has laid it on the Table of the House. That Statement has nothing to do with the Bill that is now being sought to be moved for consideration. The Hon. Minister may move the consideration motion.

MYSORE ELECTRICITY (TAXATION) CONSUMPTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1970

Motion to Consider

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.(Minister for Parliamentary Affairs): Sir, As per your direction, I would like to move the motion once again. I beg to move.

"That the Mysore Electricity (Taxation on Consumption) Amendment) Bill, 1970, be taken into consideration."

MR. SPEAKER.—Motion moved.

"That the Mysore Electricity (Taxation) on Consumption) (Amendment) Bill, 1970, be taken into consideration.

There are amendments proposed by Hon, Members Sri Shamanna and Sivappa they may also be moved.

Sri T. R. SHAMANNA(Fort):-Sir, I move the followiug Amendment.

"That the Mysore Electricity (Taxation on Consumption) (Amendment) Bill, 196) be circulated for eliciting public opinion by one months."

MR. SPEAKER.- Amendent moved.

"That the Mysore Electricity (Taxation on Cosumption) (Amendment) Bill, 1970 be circulated for eliciting public opinion by one month."

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—Sir, I beg to move.

"That the Mysore Electricity (Taxation on Consumption) (Amendemnt) B ll 1970 be circulated for eliciting public opinion within 90 days."